

LOANHEAD & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 9th October 2018 in Loanhead Library.

Jackie Aitchison welcomed everyone to the meeting.

In attendance: –Charles Hamilton, Annabel Hamilton, Ben Shore, Grant Stanley, Jack Aitchison, Peter Frame, Daya Feldwick, Cllr Pauline Winchester, John Thomson and Gina Temple

1. Apologies – Pat Kenny

2. Minutes from previous meeting approved. Proposer Ben Shore, seconder Annabel Hamilton.

3. Matters arising

- **Mayburn House** – Cllr. Pauline Winchester will give an update at the next meeting.
- **The MLC Grant Application** for running costs has been made for the next 3 years.

4. Planning Applications

Jackie Aitchison read out the Planning Applications – full details in the Agenda papers.

- **18/00658/ADV** – Illuminated and non-illuminated signage at Sainsbury's Loanhead.
- **18/00620/DPP** – additional dwelling house for land behind 10-12 The Loan. Our original objection to this was no parking spaces and it was allowed, therefore we have no grounds to make a further objection.
- **18/00677/CL** to erect solar panels to the roof of the Police Scotland Communications Centre, Dryden Road.
- **18/00689/S42** To extend the time limit on the siting of a pod for longer than 3 years.
- **18/00746/ADV** Illuminated and non illuminated signs for Sainsburys Straiton.
- **18/00747/S42** To remove the condition of screen planting at Sainsburys, Straiton.

Previous applications

- **18/00243/MSC Loanhead Vehicle Dismantling Yard.** It appears a scrap yard requires a licence to operate so we have contacted the residents on Clerk Street who made objections to the planning application and urged them to resubmit their objections to the Licencing Committee at Midlothian Council. Gina had submitted one on behalf of the CC Pauline said that as the planning application was approved she did not think this would carry any weight with the Licensing Committee.

5. Correspondence. All correspondence was noted. The following required attention.

- **Pentland Still Co.** has applied for a licence to operate as an “Off Licence” from their premises Mon – Fri 10 am – 6 pm. As this is sited on the industrial estate – no objection.
- **Everyone was urged to complete the Community Resilience Survey** – closing date 31/10/18.
- **Edinburgh Airport plans and local objections** – we need to keep up to date with the airport plans.
- **Health & Social Care Partnership.** Primary Care Restructuring – there is a shortage of mental health professions, occupational and physiotherapists within the County. This will be discussed at the December meeting of the Federation which will be attended by Sandra Bagnall, Health & Social Care Team, Midlothian Council.

6. Any other Competent Business

- Gina had attended the Community Council Training Day on 6th October. She reported on the two workshops she attended Community Empowerment Act and Engaging with Midlothian Council. The Community Empowerment Act gives community bodies the right to request to buy, lease, manage or use land and buildings belonging to local authorities, Scottish public bodies or Scottish Ministers. There have only been two applications so far both to be leased (e.g. the additional grounds at the Link discussed at a previous meeting). Bonnyrigg Rose have applied for a lease for their pitches, pavilion etc. Peter Frame said he already leases Burghlee Park. Gorebridge CC has made a participation request application to be involved in discussions on the siting of a new high school. Gina suggested that we should also make a participation request application to be involved in discussions on the siting of the new high school on the A701 corridor. She also suggested that Ben Shore should investigate this further for a building suitable for his church. The second workshop raised lots of complaints about the Midlothian Council web site which does not make it easy to find individuals or departments when trying to raise an issue.
- Charles had been approached by a local resident complaining about the amount of refurbishment work that had been done to the garden of the new Paradykes School over the summer months. This was only completed last summer and the resident estimated that 6 men x 40 hour week = 1920 man hours plus 8 weeks use of machinery and trucks. He felt that this money should have been used to repair the drop from the pavement to the car park on the opposite side of the street which is currently about 20” and is an accident waiting to happen (photographs supplied).

7. Date of next meeting Tuesday 13th November 2018 – this will also be the Annual General Meeting.



Criminal Activity August 2018
Beat Areas MW01 and MW03 – Loanhead & District



During the month of September in the beat areas of Loanhead & District there were 59 recorded crimes reported, of which 16 were solved. During this time period there were 242 calls to police.

Incidents of Note

- On 4th September, George Terrace, Loanhead, a 35 year old male was found with a small quantity of cannabis. The male was given a Recorded Police Warning by police.
- On 4th September, George Avenue, Loanhead, a push bike was stolen from an address on the street. The pushbike was later recovered by police. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the person involved.
- On 7th September, Dryden Road, Loanhead, 4 x wheels were stolen from the VW Van Centre. Value is £700 -£800. Police enquiries are ongoing.
- On 7th September, Dryden Road, Loanhead, a disturbance took place. Police attended and a 35 year old male was charged with assault.
- On 7th September, Dryden Avenue, Loanhead, a 35 year old male was found in possession of a small amount of Cannabis. The male was charged with the offence.
- On 8th September, Edgefield Road, Loanhead, a push bike was stolen during the early hours of the morning from outside an address on the street. Police are following a positive line of enquiry.
- On 9th September, Mayburn Avenue, Loanhead, youth damaged a window of one of the shops. The youths made off upon police arrival.
- On 9th September, Kennington Avenue, Loanhead, a 17 year old female was assaulted by a male. The male made off prior to police arrival. Police are following a positive line of enquiry.
- On 11th September, Church Street, Loanhead, a 19 year old male was found in possession of a quantity on Cannabis. The male was issued with a Recorded Police Warning.
- On 13th September, Mayburn Avenue, Loanhead, a car was stolen from an address on the street. Later that day, 2 x males were apprehended in Penicuik and the car recovered. The males were both arrested and charged and a report sent to the Procurator Fiscal.
- On 14th September, Mayburn Avenue, Loanhead, a stolen vehicle was recovered by police in the street. Enquiries are currently ongoing.
- On 13th September, Dryden Terrace, Loanhead, a parked vehicle was vandalised with a key or similar implement. Enquiries are ongoing.
- On 23rd September, The Loan, Loanhead, a 28 year old male was issued 6 points and a £300 fine for using his mobile phone whilst driving.

If any person has any information about the incident(s) listed above, or indeed any other crime, please contact your Community Policing Officer

Graham Black via 101 or email:

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